



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-450-0185, What income deductions does the department allow when determining if I am eligible for food benefits and the amount of my monthly benefits?, 388-450-0190, How does the department figure my shelter cost income deduction for basic food?, 388-450-0195, Does the department use my utility costs when calculating my basic food or WASHCAP benefits?, and 388-478-0060, What are the income limits and maximum benefit amounts for basic food? and other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.050 and 74.08.090.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The US Department of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition Services has issued annual updates to standards for federal fiscal year 2023. Effective October 1, 2023, under emergency rule, these updates affect the standard deduction, shelter deduction, homeless shelter deduction, utility deduction, minimum and maximum allotments, and resource limits for the Basic Food program. As needed, planned amendments will also make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: US Department of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition Services

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) The department invites the public to review and provide input on the draft language of this rule.

Draft material and information about how to participate may be obtained from the department's representative listed below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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